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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING.
ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Mrs. Scott Wright continues to improve slowly.

C. M. Kimball of East Bethel was in the village, Friday.

J. M. Bartlett of East Bethel was in our village, Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Bruce is quite ill. Her mother is caring for her.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Dr. Tnell Thursday afternoon.

Porter Farwell of East Bethel made us a pleasant call last Thursday.

Several new members have been admitted to the Masonic order this winter.

Clinton Burchard, a young son of Mr. Jas. Burchard, is very ill at his home at the Steam Mill.

The Literary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Miss Eva Bryant.

John B. Chamberlain of Parsonsfield, Mass., is spending the winter with his brother, E. C. Chamberlain.

Rev. J. W. Lewis and wife were entertained Saturday afternoon and evening at Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Foster's.

The party that took a lantern from A. A. Bruce's pung under the M. E. church shed is requested to return it.

Mrs. Frank H. Young who has been confined to the house for two months with the grip, is much improved in health.

We were all in an excellent condition to appreciate those most charming days which followed last week's blizzard.

A. C. Frost has a six-year-old that will appear on the track this season. He is a good one and will road twelve miles per hour.

A sociable will be held this evening at the home of Mrs. E. C. Andrews. A literary program will be presented. All are invited.

The senior class at Bowdoin have elected Fred B. Merrill floor captain of the fourth indoor Athletic meet, which is to be held Mar. 17.

Mr. John Hapgood is doing quite a lumbering business. He has cut from his farm, 175 cords of spruce pulp timber besides more than 100 cords of wood.

Judge Foster, moved his law library, which is the largest private library in the State, with one exception, to Portland where his office is now open.

Mr. Lyman Russell who was seriously injured by a fall on the ice a few weeks ago, but had sufficiently recovered as to be out, is again confined to the house.

The last lecture in Gould's Academy lecture course will not be given until the opening of the spring term, owing to the fact that Supt. Stetson has every night occupied that time.

Rev. F. E. Barton has accepted an invitation to preach a memorial sermon at Bryant Pond the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Mr. Barton is much liked as he has in years before, preached two memorial sermons, and one memorial address at that place.

"A General Survey of the Home Field," was the topic considered at a missionary meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday evening. Talks were given, papers read, and many interesting facts concerning the work to be done in our own country presented. The meeting was very interesting and instructive.

Prof. William R. Chapman recently swapped his fast Nelson mare, Lady Emma, with Kimball C. Atwood of New York. He got two horses in return; one a light bay mare, Blondy by Alcione, 4 years old, standing 15-2 and weighing 900; the other a two-year-old stallion by Alcantara and named Capt. Stirling. A. A. Parker who is in charge of the professor's stable, avers that he can train lots of speed into both these animals.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses of 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary Russell Turner.

One passed from earth during this last week, who loved the lines of our Bethel hills against the sky, the dark pines on the climbing foot-hills, the curves of our blue river, and who, though hundreds of miles away, shared through sympathy, the joys and sorrows of Bethel people.

Those who were fortunate enough to meet Mrs. Turner, of Cleveland, during her visits in Bethel, will cordially admit that they felt themselves in the presence of an original woman, with rarest cultivation of mind and heart. Her death in the Florida home, will fall as an irreparable loss upon hundreds of people, so wide was the influence of this rare nature. The world is the better for knowing that, "such as these have lived and died," and in knowing something of the qualities that will make her memory imperishable.

Perhaps the most wonderful of her many marked traits was her intense interest in human beings. With the finest, most delicate literary taste and power of expression, there existed a passion for humanity. No turn of thought, or gleam of pathos, nobility, or humor in the highest or lowest, escaped her quick recognition, and inevitable reproduction. She saw what others did not see; her ears were attuned to melodies which we had to have interpreted, and in many years of intimate friendship, no belittling word was ever heard upon her lips. Honest scorn she could feel and express; but she never stepped from her pedestal into littleness of thought or deed. She was a woman of rare discrimination, and never gave "low souls the wine that should reward the high."

The materials from which she extracted the keenest delight were such as lie all around us, "but having eyes we see not." The happy girl in her kitchen, who told her that she woke every morning because she had to laugh, and whose laughter died forever in her heart when the Johnstown flood swept more than one hundred of her relatives and friends into eternity; the baker whose confessed standard was to have an honest bakery, which he shouldn't be afraid to ask Mrs. Turner to visit; the old man who, on her last journey up from the South, told her the story of his life, now purposeless, because he was carrying his only daughter home "in the baggage-car," and whose wealth was as nothing, "Cause what's it all good for when you haint got no folks?" the exquisite appreciation with which she seemed to absorb every word that fell from Phillips Brooks' eloquent lips, on the never-to-be-forgotten Sunday when we sat hand in hand in Trinity church. In all such experiences, she was wholly unique, and all that is finest in man, woman, and child, rose to the surface in response to her interest in them. To meet a fine character or a cultivated mind was to her a sort of divine intoxication.

To those who doubt the reality and strength of women's friendships, we would gladly make known the love that she inspired in the hearts of women who will forevermore feel this earth the lonelier because of her departure.

O rare and lovely woman—so! Such as thou can never be spared from God's universe. So full, while here, of the life that deserved immortality, how gladly can we feel that thou wilt receive "life more abundantly," and how easy it is for us to believe in the continued existence of that being who sometimes seemed almost to glow with the intensity of living.

Because she loved our Bethel and its people, I venture to give expression to a private grief, knowing that there are those among us who will extend their sympathy to the mourning son, who still holds his year of Bethel life in loving remembrance, and that many will think with pity of those sad hearts in the South, who are learning the most bitter of lessons, "that the many make the household, but only one the home."

MARIAN TRUE GEHRING.

Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Graham of Rumford Falls gave an illustrated lecture "Four Days in London," at the lumber camp No. 1, of the Berlin Mills company. Mr. Graham received a hearty welcome from the men, about seventy-five in number. The lecture made a pleasant break in the monotony of their lives in camp. The lumbermen invited him to come again in March and deliver his lecture on Scotland, and also to spend a Sunday with them and deliver a sermon. The foreman of the crew is Mr. William York.

A TRIBUTE.

To those who were nearest and dearest to Volney Seth Davis these lines are lovingly inscribed.

Out from the royal palace Or out from the cottage low, God clearly calls his children And softly they haste to go Away from earth's loved and loving, To report at the great white throne; Where, as one by one we are gathered, Some loved one will welcome us home. Volney S. Davis was born at Errol, N. H., 43 years ago, and died there Jan. 29, 1899.

He was bereft of his father at an early age and by force of circumstances assumed care and responsibility when but a boy. A large portion of his life was spent in the logging swamp, for he was considered an expert in all the various branches of that industry. His happiest hours seemed to be those in which he was busiest; a smart crew and business rushing, was his delight. "Davis is a skilful woodsman" was a remark often made by the lumbermen. As an employer he was kind and thoughtful for the welfare of his crew, and was universally liked and respected by them. He disliked anything pertaining to sham or hypocrisy and was honorable in all dealings with his fellows. Of a quiet reserved nature he made few intimate friends, but when once given, his friendship stood the test of time and adversity.

In 1884, he married Vitella youngest daughter of Artemas H., and Mary Philbrooks Mason of Bethel. Her sunny nature, blended with his more sober demeanor and their married life seemed full of happiness. But now all is changed;

"O friend, I fear the lightest heart makes sometimes heaviest mourning."

Mr. Davis was in poor health for nearly two years, but hopes had been entertained for his recovery until within a few weeks of his death. In the early fall, he went to New Hampshire to visit his brothers and sisters, trusting that the bracing air of that region might impart new strength and vigor to his wasting body, but the hope was vain. As the white face took on a more pallid look, and the once buoyant footsteps grew slower, and although clinging to life and loved ones he would often say to his wife, "If it is God's will I am ready to go." All that loving hands and the best medical skill could devise, was done to prolong his life, but on Jan. 29, surrounded by brothers and sisters, and clasping closely the hand of his devoted wife, he fearlessly entered the shadowy vale and his spirit passed on to that realm of which it is written "There shall be no sorrow or pain there." He was a member of the Androskoggin Lodge of Odd Fellows and 48 members attended the last sad rites, showing by their presence, the respect and esteem they had for their departed brother. His funeral took place at Errol, Feb. 1, and interment at that place. He left a wife, two brothers and four sisters, and many other relatives. Though the years look so lonely before thee, Your summons will one day come, And beyond in the beautiful city, He will wait to welcome you home. He has only gone on a journey Whose ending was near the white throne, Where he rests, with work all completed, Some sweet day to welcome you home. ADDIE KENDALL MASON. West Bethel, Feb. 1899.

One Secret of Success.

Don't live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done in it, and going straight through it from beginning to end. Work, play, study, whatever it is—take hold at once and finish it up squarely and cleanly; then do the next thing, without letting any moments drop between them. It is wonderful to see how many hours those prompt people contrive to make in a day; it is as if they picked up the moments that the dawklers lose. And if you find yourself where you have so many things pressing on you, that you hardly know where to begin, let me tell you a secret; take hold of the first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all fall into file, and follow after, like a company of well-drilled soldiers; and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad, it is easily vanquished if you can bring it into line. You may have often seen the anecdote of the man who was asked how he "accomplished so much in life." "My father told me," was the reply, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret—the magic word—now.

"You would be very pretty indeed," said a gentleman patronizingly to a young lady, "if your eyes were only a little larger."

"My eyes may be very small, sir, but such people as you don't fill them!"

The Children.

There is such a crowd of you, boys and girls, You are thronging in every place; If we did not conquer you now and then, You would fill up all the space.

You take the world as if it were your own, You merry laugh and sing, As if there were not a fading time, And life could be always spring.

We send you out of the way sometimes, In the midst of your mirth and noise, For old heads ache, and old hearts fail, And cannot share your joys.

But the world belongs to you after all, And others aside must stand, That you may be able to do and dare, And be masters in the land.

You are so busy at school and play, That you have no thought to spare For the problems that puzzle the grown-up folks, And make them grey with care.

But you are the people, my happy ones; Will be more to you than it is to us, For you will the longest stay.

We are quick to give to you praise and blame; What will you give us, when you weigh, as judges, our words and deeds

In the time when you are the men? What will you think of the laws we make

When you read the records through? And the manners and customs of church and home,

And the cities we build for you. Boys be generous, girls be fair! We are trying to do our best, We are beginning some good, brave work—

Through for you to do the rest. Through misty moorland and fog-filled street,

We are seeking for greater light: But for you there is breaking above the world

A day that is passing bright. Toilers are we, who are well content To work the children's share of the day, We have been doing the gold to find, We have been sowing seed.

Good times to live in we leave to you, And rights that were hard to win; Be worthy of the better times, And gather our harvest in.

—MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

A QUESTION.

"You despise me as a weak and aimless fool."

She raised her eyebrows deprecatingly. Your language is strong, Mr. Hardleigh.

"But to the point," said he with a bitter smile.

"Not at all," she replied. "You are further from a fool than any man I know. It is because you have such capabilities, such possibilities, that it is so to be deplored that you have not worked the mine within you. What might you not have accomplished?" Her dark eyes flashed with enthusiasm.

"Oh, I know I am a failure, but there are extenuating circumstances. Will you not grant that?"

One after another, I have given up the hopes and ambitions of my youth, but it has always been at the wish or need of another. Does that count for nothing? He asked the question with a tender wistfulness.

Her handsome face set itself in harder lines. "One has no right to sacrifice himself, his individuality, his talents, his career to another. You must be true to yourself first. You are doing your duty neither to yourself nor any one else if you stifle the God given aspirations within you. Why should you crush and trample on your own soul any more than on another's? What is sadder to contemplate than a cramped, starved nature, hedged and hemmed in by numberless limitations and restrictions? What right have you to punish the living spirit within you so cruelly and harshly?"

"But my obligations to my family, and my affection for my family, have I not done the duty next my hand in sacrificing myself to them, rather than in seeking a career in the outside world?" he asked a bit proudly.

"What is nearer to a man, than his own soul?" she flung back at him with scorn.

"We look at things from so different a standpoint that it is useless for us to argue," he said wearily.

"You look at them from a sentimental, unhealthy point of view not from a strong and manly one," she answered.

"And yours is without heart. It is cold and cruel, selfish and calculating."

She bit her lips with anger. She had never before been addressed in terms like these.

"You are not my judge," she said quickly. "From your standpoint, I am all that. But let the world judge. Have I not made a name for myself? A name, and fame, and a fortune in prospective. Is not that something to live for? You came near sacrificing your career in the very beginning, abandoning your profession because your father wanted you to help in his business. Then after your father's death, when you had leisure to study as you desired, you must needs give it all up and play sick nurse for years to your invalid brother. But why enumerate it all? It has been so from start to finish, but this last is too exasperating."

When the chance was offered you to give the address before the Institute, I said to myself, 'At last the world will see what is in him. They can have a glimpse of his powers and possibilities,' but no! at the very last moment, you must needs be excused on account of the illness of a friend. How weak and sentimental. As though there was not doctors and nurses galore. Perhaps to your brother, you supplied a place no one else could, but certainly not with a friend, whoever he may be. Oh, it is maddening! You would not have come across your friend, had you not taken this time to leave town simply to escort your sister and her baby to her summer home. You play pet spaniel to every one of your family."

"Is it so despicable to make one's self of use?"

"Yes, when you could be serving higher ends. Oh yes, I know you do not believe in careers, but where would art and literature, science and medicine, where would all progression and advance and enlightenment be, if everybody staid at home to be company for their fathers and mothers? Had my unknown benefactor, through whose generous kindness, I have studied and succeeded, held your views, I should never have left my mother's cottage. But, of course, you think that I ought not to have gone away from home."

"Have I ever said so?" he interrupted.

"No, but it was not necessary. However, I do not care what you think. I know I have done right. My mother would have been glad to keep me with her, but she has all the pride of my successes. She reads my name in the papers with pleasure. She follows my career with delight. My earnings provide her with luxuries she could not otherwise procure. She misses me, to be sure, but I am able to hire a faithful and competent girl for her, who relieves her of the work far more than I should. Would it be so much better were I moping around at home, depressed from lack of occupation and interests—or, but why talk about that? I can think of nothing but your last escapade. It has transgressed all limits of sense and reason. When your fortune was the same as made, your reputation established by that address, to lose the chance of a lifetime! Oh, I could gnash my teeth with rage."

"But the circumstances—" he began.

"There could have been none to make it excusable. The death-bed of a father or mother alone could condone such a defection."

"Then you really grant that a dying parent might excuse me," he asked with a smile which illumined his grave face, and made one wish to see it often.

"Well, you are improving. You never have approved of my respect for the claims of family."

"They do not appreciate it," said she.

"But what has that to do with it?" he asked in mild surprise. "At least they love me no less for it, as does one I know."

She looked at him inquiringly.

"Yes, I will admit that one sacrifice I made for one I loved, has brought me only pain and disappointment. When a young man, I loved a beautiful girl. She lived in a small country village, and had seen nothing of the world. I think I am not vain when I say I could have won her love. The temptation to taste the enjoyments of city life might have influenced her choice perhaps, but at any rate I think I might have won her. But no, I said to myself, she is young and inexperienced. She has seen nothing of the world and of men. I was perhaps the first gentleman she had ever known. She had no one with whom to compare me. Then, too, she longed for knowledge; she was thirsting for opportunities to study. I knew from my own experience what such desires were. I knew how hard it was to be denied, and I said to myself, 'Let her have her chance. If she loves me, she will soon be satisfied to resign the life she now longs for, and her future will be richer and happier for having gratified her ambition, and learned how empty are the world's honors compared to an honest man's love.' How did my generosity result? The woman whose happiness I considered before my own, attained the fame she desired, and learned to despise me as a soft-hearted fool."

He spoke with passion, and she quailed before his words. She attempted to reply, but he silenced her with a gesture.

"Let us have done with the subject. The past no longer concerns us. But if my life is a failure, yours at least is not. Let us cheer ourselves with that reflection."

At that moment, callers were announced, and shortly after, he took his departure, having quite resumed his usual manner.

The next morning brought her a letter, which she read with no small emotion. It was from her mother and ran as follows:

"My dearest Leila.—Since I last wrote you I have been ill, but my attack, though severe, was of short duration, and I am now so much improved that I am sitting propped up in bed writing to you, knowing that you would be alarmed, if I deputized the task to any one else."

"I woke feeling far from well last Wednesday morning, and was disturbed when Laura told me she had had news of her mother's illness, and must go home. Of course, I could say nothing. The girl's first duty was to her mother. I thought that I could get one of the neighbors to stay with me, but there has been an epidemic of gripe in the place and everybody of her own invalids. Cousin Polly's two children were both in bed, but she sent in word that she would come over at night when her husband got home. I thought I could get along alone, but I grew worse, and in attempting to cross the room I fainted and fell, striking my head against the bed. I lay there unconscious for hours, and was thoroughly chilled, when it happened by a kind Providence, that your old friend, Carl Hardleigh called at the house. He was passing through the place, and stopped over a train, intending to go on to town in the afternoon."

"Naturally he was shocked to find me in such a condition, and he lost no time in going to work in his own helpful and energetic way. He rubbed me, and forced brandy between my lips, built the fire, which had gone out, heated water, and filled all the bottles and jugs he could find in the house, emptying their contents indiscriminately, by the way. In short, he worked like a Trojan, and succeeded in restoring me to consciousness before the doctor came. He had attracted the attention of a passer-by by ringing the dinner bell from the window, and so sent for Dr. Drew, but as the latter said, everything was done before he arrived. I was very ill, however, all night, and Carl worked unceasingly. He gave me medicine every half hour, and was as gentle as he was untiring in his ministrations. Dr. Drew says he is a born nurse, though nothing but a long apprenticeship could have made him so skillful. You remember the devoted care he gave his poor brother."

"We could get no nurse until the third day and he never left me an hour in all that time. The doctor says I owe my life to Mr. Hardleigh, so you see you have him to thank that your little mother is here to-day to write to you. And that is not all you owe him. I have discovered that he is your unknown benefactor! What think you of that? But I can't write no more to-day. I was very glad not to have to send for you, and call you from your work. I will write again in a day or two."

"Your loving mother, RACHAEL AINSLEY."

When Carl Hardleigh reached home that night, a little note awaited him, filled with tenderness and contrition; an utter and complete surrender of the woman for whom his heart had so long and so hopelessly yearned.

His face flushed and his eyes filled with longing, but his expression grew no less stern and grave. He sat with his face buried in his hands long after he had finished reading the brief note. At last he began to write, hurrying his pen over the paper as though he could not force it fast enough. And this is what he wrote:

"My dear Miss Ainsley.—Surely I need not tell you how glad I am to be of service to you and yours but cannot you see that nothing is altered? Yesterday you condemned me for what to-day you commend in me, but I have not changed in the meantime. Because I was able to serve you, you forgive me, but when you thought I had missed my chance for some one different to you, you could not condone the offence. So it would be always. Possibly any sacrifice of myself to you or your needs might be commended as this is, but your irritation would not lessen towards a man who would let humanity's claims come before his own success. Do you not see that it is because of love for your mother, not for love of me, that you are so softened toward me? Just now you are touched and grateful, but when this is past, all the old impotence and contempt will return."

"You think me weak and vacillating."

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Talk.

Final and last Slash in Prices of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings.

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These fleeting years of life are all too short for bickering and strife; the wounds, the scars that follow the trail of bitter words,—of what avail? Granted a victory with tongue or pen, but leaving wounded hearts behind.—What then?

We are pleased to note that the American Institute of Instruction will be held at Bar Harbor this year, July 6-10.

A college building is to be erected at Norwich, Vermont, in honor of Admiral Dewey, as a memorial of his great victory.

The News extols no swindlers, inserts no humbug advertisements, does not devote half its space to tell how good the other half is, and does not claim to be the only paper in the county. It is published weekly at \$1.25 per year. Send for sample copy.

It must have been a revelation to those Filipinos who after being wounded and taken prisoners were well treated instead of being butchered, as they expected to be. Their friends, likewise, betrayed a misconception of American character and purposes, when they made repeated inquiries at headquarters as to when the executions would take place. They will doubtless soon learn the difference between Spanish and American treatment, and when they do, there will be a change in their attitude.

Contest.

Well, the school contest which has been running for the past three months closed last Friday afternoon, Gould's Academy winning the prize. The students at Gould's did some hustling, at last surprising themselves and all the rest of us, at the count which they rolled up the last week.

The following was the standing at the close:

Gould's,	36,430
Bridgton,	35,750
Hobart,	35,590

A second prize will be given Bridgton Academy.

FROM THE TOWN REPORT.

The Bethel town report is out and shows the following concerning the finances for the past year:

VALUATION.	
Real Estate,	\$618,295
Personal "	184,198
Total,	\$802,493

Amount appropriated and assessed,	\$16,206.57
No. of polls,	206
Poll tax,	\$2.00

POOR ACCOUNT.	
Balance against farm,	\$341.70
Poor not on farm,	363.81
Insane Hospital,	616.66
Expense of tramps,	31.40
Total,	\$1,293.57

Appropriation,	1200.00
Excess,	\$93.57

Cost of West Bethel ferry,	\$601.40
Appropriation,	375.00
Excess,	\$226.40

LIQUOR AGENCY.	
Paid for liquors, freight, etc.,	\$3127.53
Cash receipts and liquor on hand,	3400.05
Net profit,	\$272.50

Town officers' bills paid,	\$ 959.38
Appropriation,	1200.00
Unexpended,	\$240.65

Snow bills,	\$1289.38
Appropriation,	1000.00
Excess,	\$289.38

HIGHWAYS.	
Amount expended,	\$3010.22
Appropriation,	3600.00
Excess,	\$610.22

SCHOOLS.	
Available,	\$3944.60
Expended,	3637.56
Unexpended,	\$307.04

TEXT BOOKS.	
Available,	\$154.37
Expended,	179.94
Excess,	\$25.57

REPAIRS.	
Available,	\$141.80
Expended,	114.88
Unexpended,	\$26.92

MISCELLANEOUS.	
Appropriation,	\$350.00
Expended,	463.35
Excess,	\$113.35

FINANCIAL STANDING.	
Total liabilities,	\$7,866.87
" assets,	19,891.90
Balance against town,	\$17,974.07
Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$205.58

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. W. A. Bunting was in town Monday.

Miss Mae Wiley is visiting friends in Portland.

Miss Sadie Mason is expected home soon from North Bridgton.

Mr. Will Purlington of Lynn, Mass., is a guest at J. U. Purlington's.

Miss Alice Mason spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Miss Edith Hastings is visiting her aunt, Miss Roberts, of Hanover.

Mr. Ira Jordan attended the G. A. R. encampment at Bangor last week.

Mrs. Daniel Hastings is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mabel, in Boston.

Mrs. Loren Trask and Gladys, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

Mr. Thomas Hutchins has been spending a short time at Mr. Charles Harris'.

Ira C. Jordan was in Bangor last week to attend the State convention of the G. A. R.

Irving Smith is about to start a portable saw mill to saw wood. He has 200 cords engaged.

The Universal History Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. C. Rowe next Monday evening.

Judge Fogler and wife were in town over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chapman.

Phillip J. Bourbonnais and Maud D. Bennett, both of Bethel, were married, Feb. 18, by Rev. F. E. Barton.

Miss Ethel Richardson went to Norway Friday, to spend two weeks with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Antoinette Arno, widow of the late Josiah Arno, died at the home of her son, E. Arno, Tuesday morning.

Miss L. C. Hall has just received a full line of the vertical pens, so much used in the new system of penmanship.

Quite a delegation from the new lodge which has been formed here, visited the lodge at Locke's Mills, Tuesday evening.

If nothing prevents, the Columbian Club will meet Friday afternoon, Feb. 24 with Mrs. J. C. Billings at 2.30 o'clock.

The Gould's Academy Prize Speaking will take place in Odeon Hall, Friday evening, March 3. A full house is desired.

Anyone wishing to purchase a small safe, in first class condition, and at a bargain, will please call upon E. H. Young, Bethel, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emery of Gloucester, Mass., are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a little daughter in their home Feb. 10.

Mr. Will Bean who has served six years in the U. S. navy and was on the "Marblehead" during the late war, has re-enlisted for a term of three years.

We are very much pleased to learn that Mrs. Dana Hall is much improved in health during the past year. She has been confined to her bed for two years.

The Christian Endeavor society, which was postponed on account of the storm, will be given in Garland chapel, next Friday evening. All are cordially invited.

Mr. Lin Bartlett, one of Bethel's prospering young men is doing a great business lumbering, this winter. He employs about 14 men and 16 horses, to do his work.

Ferron Lovejoy is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy. He travels on the road in the iron and steel business, making during his year's work, forty different states and territories.

Frank R. Merrill is training four horses this winter. Jen F. won a record of 2.21 1/2, last season at Bangor, and is a very promising horse for her second season. He has a horse of Herald blood, 7 years old, that has a trial mark of 2.18, which he expects to accomplish wonders with next summer. He also has a likely three-year-old Red Wilkes filly that has worked a mile in 2.16. But the prize of his string is Satan by Gay Princeton, that has a record of 2.12.

The ladies of the Universalist Society will serve a P. M. Supper, to be followed by an entertainment, at the Universalist chapel, Thursday evening, Feb. 23. Supper served from 6 to 8 o'clock, consisting of Chicken pie, Veal pie, Oyster pie, Clam pie, Pork pie, Mince pie, Custard pie, Cranberry pie, Jelly pie, Washington pie, Apple pie, Cream pie, Lemon pie, Squash pie, Pumpkin pie, Cocoa pie, Potato pie, Carrot pie, Vinegar pie, Raisin pie, and Pie. Supper, including entertainment, 25 cents.

Tuesday afternoon the W.C.T.U. held a service memorial to Frances E. Willard, at the home of Mrs. L. T. Barker. The president, Mrs. O. M. Mason, arranged a very interesting program. After the usual opening exercises, papers were read upon Frances Willard as teacher, organizer, etc. Miss Cross gave a very interesting account of Miss Willard at the National Convention, where her wisdom and richness of nature were so clearly impressed upon the vast audiences. Mrs. Varley rendered a solo in a most pleasing manner at the close of the meeting. Light refreshments were served.

STATE NEWS.

Thus far for the State Legislature, the Governor has signed 44 acts and 11 resolves.

Hon. A. R. Day of Corinna, has shipped 5000 barrels of apples, 16 car loads, to Philadelphia the past season.

A building in Brownfield occupied by Dr. Alvord as a drug and millinery store, was burned Friday forenoon. Loss \$3000; covered by insurance.

A plumber was called to a Portland house the other day, and on reaching the place, he found the children skating on three inches of ice on the kitchen floor.

A Boston paper says Ronello Barrows, deputy sheriff at Canton for 30 years, who is 60 years old, drove 25 miles during the worst of Monday's blizzard to reach court at Norway, crossing the gale-swept ridges of Streaked mountain.

A complaint comes from Augusta that the employees of the Lockwood mills at Waterville, now shut down temporarily, are seeking employment in other cities, and if this is true there is danger that they may thus scatter the small-pox germs throughout the State.

Belgrade Mills, one of the prettiest places and one of the best fishing resorts in Maine, is to have a big hotel for summer guests erected, this spring, and hears with considerable pleasure, though it is a Republican village, that Grover Cleveland plans to come there, next summer.

The farm buildings of Asa Boothby at Jackson, were burned Monday of last week, and both Mr. Boothby and his sister perished in the flames. The neighbors did not notice the fire in the terrific storm. Mr. Boothby was about eighty years old and his sister was an invalid. The charred remains have been taken from the ruins of the fire.

The employees of the Kittery navy yard are raising funds to assist in building a monument to the soldiers of the Maine. Kittery's marine squad who go to Guam are preparing for an early departure. Naval Cadet W. E. Tillan has reported for duty on board the Alliance which is now expected to sail from Kittery on Saturday.

The annual encampment of the Department of Maine G. A. R., which was held in Bangor, closed Thursday evening with a brilliant campfire in City hall, which was filled with a distinguished audience. The exercises were full of interest. At the election of officers in the afternoon, Frederick Roble of Gorham was chosen department commander over Seth T. Snipe of Bath, 186 to 171.

Three murders the past week make Maine's quota for February. At Appleton last Saturday morning, Albert Hiesler killed his wife and step-daughter, aged 15, afterwards taking pills green from the effects of which he died about 10.30 p.m. It is thought by some of the neighbors, that Hiesler was insane from brooding over the idea that the farmhouse and property were held in trust for the step-children and they were becoming of age, the mortgage would be foreclosed so that the children might secure their portions of their father's estate, and that he might be turned away in his old age. He was 65 years old; his wife was 51.

There was a horrible murder at Gardiner Friday evening. Mamie Small, aged 23, of Richmond, was shot and instantly killed by her brother-in-law, Bradford Knights. Three shots were fired, all taking effect. Knights escaped but was arrested in Richmond the next morning. He will neither affirm nor deny his guilt. Jealousy is believed to be the immediate cause of the shooting. Those who know the parties say that Knights, who is a brother-in-law to Miss Small, was desperately in love with her. She had refused his attentions repeatedly. Knights cast aspersions upon her character, but they are not believed by those who knew her. Knights was at one time an inmate of the Maine Insane Hospital.

TWO KILLED. While Coupling Cars at Island Pond On Grand Trunk.

News of a double fatality at Island Pond on the Grand Trunk freight Tuesday evening, reached here Thursday. A yard foreman, named R. Dixon and a brakeman named A. Benton were working on a freight car trying to get out a coupling pin that had frozen into its socket. They were so occupied that they did not hear a shifting engine that was backing some cars down on the same track. The shifter struck the car the men were working on, at the opposite end from them, pushing it over them. One was killed instantly, and the other died soon afterwards.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cassia Candy Cathartic. No or 25c. If C. C. G. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Our Young Readers.

Recitation for a Six Year Old.

I'm just a very little boy, I never fired a gun, I never led an army, Like brave George Washington.

And though like him I may not fight To set a people free, I'll try to be as brave and true, As kind and good as he.

WASHINGTON'S MAXIMS.

"Obey and honor your father and mother."

"Speak not evil of the absent, for it is unjust."

"Say not anything that will hurt another either in fun or in earnest."

"When another person speaks, listen yourself, and try not to disturb others."

"Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promises."

It was Washington who said: "To be prepared for war, is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

Sure Signs.

Solomon said many centuries ago, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether it be pure and whether it be right."

When I see a boy slow to go to school, and glad of every excuse to neglect his books, I think it is a sure sign that he will be a dunce.

When I see a boy in haste to spend every penny as soon as he gets it, I think it is a sign that he will be a spendthrift.

When I see a boy hoarding up his pennies, and unwilling to part with them for any good purpose, I think it is a sign that he will be a miser.

When I see a boy or girl looking out for "number one," and disliking to share good things with others, I think it is a sign the child will grow up a selfish person.

When I see boys and girls often quarreling I think it is a sign that they will be violent and hateful men and women.

When I see a child obedient to his parents, I think it is a sign of great future blessing from Almighty God.

When I see a boy fond of the Bible and knowing it well, I think it is a sign that he will be a good and happy man.

A HAPPY BOY.

An Ohio Youngster Who Owns a "Workin' Steam Locomotive."

This little locomotive and train would bring joy to the heart of any boy, for it is one of the really truly kind, even though it is so very small. The boy who owns it is the 4-year-old son of Richard H. Hildreth of Kinsman, O., who is also the builder of it. Moreover, the boy can name nine-tenths of the different parts of the engine and tell what most of them are for.

In building the model the construction of a full sized locomotive was followed with considerable attention to detail. It is provided with air pump and main reservoir (not shown in cut) under the cab and between the frames. The engineer's brake valve reservoir is placed under the cab windows, and if we could look within the cab we should find a steam gauge, three gauge cocks and a drip pipe to carry off the water, a reversing lever and sector, a complete little injector, with its feed pipe and check valves, a whistle lever, bell rope, rod to open cylinder cocks, a rod to

open draft in ash pan and indeed every item that goes to make up the complete fittings found in a modern locomotive cab. The headlight, which burns wood alcohol, is complete with glass and reflector. The boiler, it should be said, is fired with gasoline or wood alcohol. Note should also be made of the small lamps or markers on the extension front and also of the flag pockets on each side of the headlight. The extension front carries a small brass plate with the builder's name and the date.

On the tender are the usual tool boxes with a complete set of tools, and in their proper place are found a coal pick, shovel, poker, etc. The engine when blocked up from the track has been run at a speed of over 1,000 revolutions a minute.

Here is a brief technical description of the little locomotive: Gauge of road, 5 1/2 inches; total weight, engine and tender, 126 1/2 pounds; cylinders, 1 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches; boiler diameter, 5 inches; steam pressure, 110 pounds.

This beautiful little model follows closely the lines of the well known express engines of the New York Central railroad, of which No. 509 of Empire State express fame is the best known model. It carries the number 670, by which the engine which is at present hauling that train on the run between New York and Albany is known. The letters on the tender stand for the Kinsman Short Line railroad, a projected road in which the citizens of Kinsman and the neighboring town of Farmland are interested.

A Spelling Lesson.

"Can you spell kitten, my little aunt?"

"I said to Jack, five years old, And behind his back Jack put both hands, And he tossed his head of gold 'Too hard!' I asked. Then his face grew grave, And he said: 'It isn't that— But I'm too old for kitten, you know! I'm just tryin' to be on cat!'"

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A QUESTION.

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lating, but I am still enough of a man to demand the hearty respect of the woman who would be my wife. I do not desire that she should wed me from a transient emotion of gratitude. Even that might pass when the occasion which gave rise to it was no longer fresh in her mind. At this moment you are ready to reward me with the gift which would make heaven upon earth for me, did you give yourself as I would have you, but I will save you from sacrificing yourself to a momentary impulse. Please remember that it is in my favor that weak as you think me, I am strong enough to do this.

"Your happiness is dearer to me than my own, and come what may, believe me I shall ever remain, Yours devotedly,

CARL HARDLEIGH.

The letter was sealed, addressed and stamped, but still he sat at his desk, his head leaning on his hand.

Suddenly his ear was caught by the sound of voices beneath his window. A merry party returning from some place of entertainment probably. They were arguing earnestly, and one whose voice rang out clearer than the others was saying: "Oh, she never would have found so much fault with him; had she not been in love with him; had she not been indifferent to him, she would not have been so bitter at his failure."

Carl started, glanced at his letter, and murmured, "Am I or am I not playing the part of a fool?"

When morning dawned, it found him still sitting there. He had not answered his question.

—Alice Josephine Johnson, In Portland Transcript.

LOCALS.

The meeting of the Literary Society will be postponed, this week on account of the death of Mrs. Arno.

The latest novelty is a musk rat which calls upon Mark Swan every day for his rations. He comes into the house and eats potatoes and other food given him, and then goes about his business. Mr. Swan took him to the mill brook, cut a hole in the ice and put him in, but in a short time he was back to the house again. He evidently has come to stay.

G. Lakin of Phillips, instituted a council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in this place, last Thursday night. Those who became members are very much pleased with the workings of the order. The following are the officers: C. O. Foster, C. A. F. Copeland, V. C.; J. R. Lewis, R. C.; F. J. Tyler, Asst. R. C.; John Yates, F. C.; Harry Jordan, Treas.; Geo. Bryant, Chap.; Gerry Morgan, W.; Albion Holt, Conductor; Geo. Chapman, I. S.; Eugene H. York O. S.; A. F. Copeland, Geo. Bryant, Eugene H. York, Trustees. The next meeting will be held in Relief Corps Hall, next Tuesday evening.

How to Cure Toothache.

M. Danziger in the Independence Medical gives the following as an instantaneous cure for toothache proceeding from carious teeth: Phenol, crystallized, two parts; essential oil of lemon, two parts; alcohol, ten parts. Mix. Immerse a little pledget of lint cotton in the solution and carry it to the bottom if possible of the cavity and press it in. In cases where for any reason it is not possible to get a pledget into the cavity convey a minute drop of the liquid thither, using a hypodermic syringe for the purpose.

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Gorham,	4.38	8.10	2.57
Gilead,	5.02	8.30	3.15
West Bethel,	5.14	8.42	3.26
BETHEL,	5.24	8.51	3.33
Locke's Mills,	5.36	9.00	3.41
Bryant Pond,	5.45	9.08	3.47
South Paris,	6.17	9.35	4.16
Portland,	8.10	11.30	5.45

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland,	8.10	1.30	6.00
South Paris,	9.50	3.40	7.58
Bryant Pond,	10.20	4.20	8.35
Locke's Mills,	10.37	4.31	8.55
BETHEL,	10.45	4.40	9.00
West Bethel,	10.52	4.42	9.10
Gilead,	11.03	5.02	9.24
Gorham,	11.31	5.50	10.00
Island Pond,	1.32	5.05	12.20

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m. South Paris 10.19, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.59, Bethel 11.10, West Bethel 11.20, Gilead 11.34, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Portland 12.25.

The train which leaves Island Pond at 2.05 a. m. and the one which leaves Portland at 8.30 p. m., run every day; all others every day except Sunday.

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**
of Hartford, Conn.
Incorporated in 1893.
Jas. Nichols, President.
E. G. Richards, Vice Pres. & Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.

ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1898.
Real estate owned by the company, unimproved, \$305,650.83
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$10,800.00
Stocks owned by the company, \$2,388,300.00
Loans secured by collateral, \$20,834.92
Cash in company's principal office and in branch offices, \$1,000,000.00
Interest due and accrued, \$25,000.00
Premiums in due course of collection, \$425,680.91
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$4,439,435.76

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1898.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$122,321.30
Amount required to satisfy re-insured all outstanding risks, \$1,763,410.20
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., \$367,850.91
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and surplus, \$2,253,582.41
Capital stock and surplus, \$2,185,853.35
Surplus beyond capital, \$67,731.94
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$2,353,314.35

**CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO.,**
of New York.
Incorporated in March, 1872.
Commenced Business March 7, 1872.
WILLIAM N. KREMER, President.
CHARLES G. SMITH, Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.00

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1898.
Real estate owned by the company, unimproved, \$15,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$33,000.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, \$7,323,700.00
Loans secured by collateral, \$20,834.92
Cash in company's principal office and in branch offices, \$1,000,000.00
Interest due and accrued, \$25,000.00
Premiums in due course of collection, \$425,680.91
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$2,353,314.35

**CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
Phenix Insurance Co.**
of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Incorporated in 1883.
Commenced Business in 1883.
Geo. P. SHELDON, President.
WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.00

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1898.
Real Estate owned by the company, unimproved, \$43,000.00
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$9,000.00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, \$4,017,000.00
Loans secured by collateral, \$20,834.92
Cash in company's principal office and in branch offices, \$1,000,000.00
Interest due and accrued, \$25,000.00
Premiums in due course of collection, \$425,680.91
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$2,353,314.35

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COUNTY NEWS.

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WEST BETHEL.
"Got we pray thee, winter, got! Sure we've had enough of snow; Rain, and hail, and sleet, and ice, Thy warmest lovers should suffice." Good roads, and business lively. Geo. C. Tyler was at home Sunday.

"The remedy for injuries is to forget them." S. W. Potter and bride, came home from South Paris Saturday. "Samson was a strong man, but he could not pay money before he had it."

L. F. Grover and wife came from Gorham, N. H., Saturday, returning Sunday. One hundred and sixty-seven years ago to-day, George Washington was born.

No new cases of sickness here, and those who have been sick are getting out again. Keep out of debt if you can. "A hog upon trust always grunts until he is paid for."

Sunday afternoon there was a collision of freight trains here. No. 94 came down and stopped on the main track at the station. Two extra trains were following, so the semaphores signal was raised to stop them. The first extra came in slowly and stopped, but the second, hauled by engine No. 882, with a heavy train attached, ran into the rear of the first extra, making a total wreck of two cars, and smashing the engine badly. The engineer and fireman jumped before the collision, and no one was hurt. The wrecking crew from Gorham burned the demolished cars and corn, and the broken engine was hauled to the repair shop.

GILEAD.
Mrs. Almon Black and children, who have been visiting at John M. Newell's, left for home the 25th. Mrs. Sarah Philbrook of Gorham visited her sister, Mrs. John M. Russell, returning to her home the day following.

We learn that a dancing school has been instituted at the village, under the instruction of J. B. Casey, of Gorham.

Mr. John Griffin moved his family into town from West Milan, last Saturday. He occupies the rent in the Sinclair house.

Wild River, above the bridge, judging from present indications, will be pretty thoroughly buried under logs, when the contractor shall be able to say, "I have fulfilled my agreement."

ALBANY.
A. G. Bean recently purchased some cows of H. A. Allen.

Mrs. Lizzie Cummings remains about the same at this writing. Henry Pligree called on J. H. Briggs and wife, last Thursday.

Joseph Briggs and wife, have gone to live with their son George. Guy and Fern Johnson visited their aunt, Mrs. E. T. Jenkins, last week.

Grace Moore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Robbins of Norway.

Mrs. Mary Bird and little grand-children, also her daughter Eva, have come to Biddeford.

Miss Kate Foster, who is staying at Daniel Clark's this winter, has been spending a few days in Bridgton.

W. E. Cummings has purchased the Joseph Briggs' house, and we understand he intends moving his family there in the spring.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR!
Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disturbs the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done? This question was answered when we first made

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SOUTH PARIS.
Owing to the small-pox scare, many people are being vaccinated. Mr. A. C. Richards, went to Portland last Saturday on a business trip.

Many of our young people attended the entertainment and social, at the Grange hall, last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Fred P. Chandler, the well known telegraph operator, has been promoted to the position of station agent at Norway. Mr. Chandler's place has been filled by Mr. William Penfold of Norway.

Business at the Paris Mfg. Co., is at present rather quiet. For the past few weeks they have been running a light crew most of the time, and also have been taking account of stock. Two new large boilers, which are much more powerful than the three small ones now used, will soon be put in place.

Many young men of this place, who were members of Company D, went to Norway last Monday evening to help organize the company. The meeting was held at the armory, and was well attended, considering the weather. A committee was appointed to decide whether a company known as the Norway Light Infantry Association should be formed. In case the National Guards of Maine should be re-instituted, the local company wishes to be in the swim, and therefore they are working up interest, so that a company of the future National Guards, will be located in Norway.

NORWAY.
No preaching service in the Universalist church last Sunday owing to the absence of Rev. Caroline Angell.

Mr. Harney, foreman of the B. F. Spinney & Co.'s shoe cutting department, finished his labors with this firm Saturday, and returned to Lynn, Mass., with his family.

John Haselton of the electric street railway, and Chas. Akers, formerly with Everett Blecknell, opened a grocery store, Monday, in the location previously used by A. T. Bennett & Co.

A new club room has been opened in the vacant store near the tannery brook bridge, by ten young fellows who might be spending their time to a better advantage. If good literature were tolerated in the rooms, the club idea would not seem void of reason.

Arthur Sweet passed away Saturday eve, after a tedious illness of several months. For many years he had been a faithful workman in the cutting room of the shoe factory here, and his transition will be keenly felt by a large circle of friends and relatives. Much sympathy is extended to the widow and son in their bereavement.

The Christian Endeavor society, organized a few months since, at Norway Lake, is in a flourishing condition. The secretary reports a list of 27 active and 9 associate members. The meetings are held Monday evening, in the school house, and your correspondent can testify to the earnestness and true practical endeavor spirit that pervades the services.

Rev. B. S. Rideout delivered a fine Christian Endeavor sermon Sunday morning, in the Congregational church. The text—"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Acts 17:6—brought forth much valuable information upon the early crusade, the reformation and all recent religious movements, culminating in the grand Christian Endeavor idea as first given to the world eighteen years ago.

GRAFTON.
J. H. Farrar went to Lewiston last week.

Summer Davis has gone to Paris to serve as jurymen.

Mrs. F. E. Decker has been quite ill with the grip.

The Circle meets with Mrs. A. W. Farrar, Thursday of this week.

Fred Tyler, who is working for J. A. Thurston at Sunday River, has been home.

James Cunningham recently came home from Wild River, where he has been working for Fred Lane.

G. A. Otis has been at Magalloway the past two weeks, caring for her son Will, who has had an attack of pneumonia.

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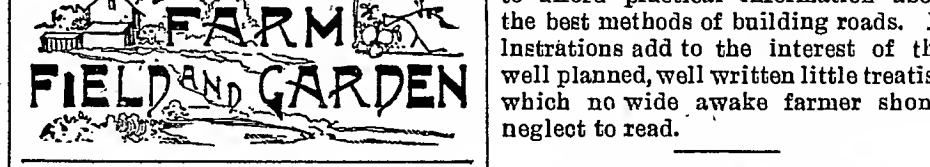
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LIFE AND CROP ZONES.

AREAS ADAPTED TO CERTAIN CROPS—RESOURCES OF WEST AND SOUTH.
With a view to determining the areas best adapted for various crops the biological survey of the department of agriculture has been engaged for several years in collecting data for mapping the natural life zones of the United States. A detailed study of the distribution of the native animals and plants has been made in the belief that areas inhabited by indigenous species coincide with those most suitable for certain varieties of fruit and cereals and for breeds of domesticated animals. This investigation has now progressed far enough to permit the publication during the past year of a revised map of the life zones of the United States and two reports containing the results of more general interest to farmers and horticulturists. One of these reports comprised a description of the life zones and crop zones of the United States, with lists of the more important varieties of fruits and grains adapted to each area, the other an investigation of the geographic distribution of some of the more important cereals. The latter bulletin, based on reports from more than 1,000 grain growers, showed the areas in which wheat, corn, and oats are now profitably cultivated and the regions where these varieties may be expected to succeed. Field work was continued during the year in Washington, Oregon, California, and Texas, and the Columbia and northern Mexico with greater precision than had hitherto been possible in these regions.

In addition to the foregoing the report of the secretary of agriculture for 1898 states that the work for the immediate future comprises a combination of field work outlining the life zones of the Pacific coast and investigations on varieties of fruits, vegetables and field crops similar to that already undertaken in the case of cereals. An investigation which is of special interest at this time is a thorough examination of the fauna and flora of the tropical region which lies along our southern border and enters the United States at several points. Our new island possessions are entirely within this region, and present an inviting field for exploration. As their resources become more generally known the question of what semitropical products can still be profitably grown in Florida and the Gulf States is likely to become a very important and practical one in several of the southern states.

STRAWBERRIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.
The cultivation of this fruit is gradually extending in this state. Since apples have paid so poorly, many farmers, where there were any markets, have given much attention to this fruit. They have cultivated it as a field crop, managing and handling the plants about as they would corn and potatoes. The distance planted has been four feet between rows and 1½ or two feet between plants. Set in this way there is ample space for using horsepower in cultivation. Many of our farmers think that strawberries are a more certain crop than potatoes and about as cheaply produced. They need more weeding, but not so much spraying with Paris green, says a New Hampshire correspondent of The American Cultivator.

Of varieties the Crescent is still much planted, as is the Haverland, although the latter is being discarded, as it is too soft. The Brandywine has given much satisfaction. It may not be so prolific as some varieties, but it is a fine, solid berry, that can be transported long distances. The Clyde is being extensively tested, and thus far it is satisfactory. The Greenville is a good, all round variety that is planted extensively.

Must the Farmer Pay For Good Roads?
The clever little pamphlet of the League of American Wheelmen entitled "Must the Farmer Pay For Good Roads?" which has been adopted by the United States department of agriculture as circular No. 81 of the division of road inquiry appears to have two objects in view—first, to correct any apprehension that the movement for good roads is an attempt to put the burden of the expense upon the shoulders of the farmer and to give a better understanding of the system of state aid to road building which has been for a number of years in force in New Jersey and has been adopted in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York. This system the league advocates, and, secondly,

to afford practical information about the best methods of building roads. Illustrations add to the interest of this well planned, well written little treatise, which no wide awake farmer should neglect to read.

Where Ginseng Thrives.
The unanimous testimony is that it thrives best in rich soil and in dense shade. Some report it most often found in beech woods, others in forests consisting largely of oaks. "Northern slopes" and "deep woods" are common expressions used by correspondents in describing the locations in which it does best there in the soil and what is known as second bottom land. From the testimony it appears that it does well where either sandstone or limestone rocks prevail at the surface, but there is a slight preponderance of testimony in favor of the more fertile growth and greater abundance in regions where sand is present in the soil. What it wants is soil rich in vegetable matter and shade, and with these two conditions fulfilled it seems to do well anywhere in Kentucky, according to evidence gathered by the station of that state.

FILLING THE ICEHOUSE.
A New Wrinkle—How to Save Time When It is Most Valuable.
If the icehouse has been constructed on the bank of a creek, river or other large stream of water it may be filled by drawing the ice directly from the water into the bins by means of a horse power, or, if built on a small scale, the ice may be hauled by wagon and, in many instances, run into the house near the top by simply using a slide, after drawing to a point higher than the house, and have seen icehouses located in the barnyard or near a barn filled by drawing on to the barn floor and pushing the ice off at the height of the wagon bed, from which point it would run in at the top of the icehouse and then have a drop of 15 feet or more to the bottom. This makes a very convenient way of getting ice in, and if the barnyard and its surroundings are what they should be the location is to be recommended rather than advised against.

G. P. BEAN,